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Congresswoman Matsui Statement on the California Health Benefits Exchange's Decision to Offer Stand-Alone Supplemental Vision Plans

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05), member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee which has jurisdiction over health care legislation, released a statement praising the decision by the California Health Benefits Exchange to allow VSP, and other stand-alone vision providers, participate in all components of the California exchange. Following the Board's initial decision to preclude stand-alone vision providers from participating in the individual market, Congresswoman Matsui met with leadership of the exchange and submitted a letter urging the Board to allow all Californians to have the option of obtaining stand-alone vision coverage.

"I am pleased with the Board's decision to provide consumers the choice of whether to purchase a stand-alone vision plan within the California Health Benefit Exchange's individual market. Simply put, stand-alone vision plans improve health outcomes and save money, as those enrolled in them are more than twice as likely to receive vision-related preventative services and exams.

"The primary objective of the Affordable Care Act is to expand the availability of quality, affordable health coverage to all, and allowing stand-alone vision plans such as VSP to participate in the individual market exchange is a step toward this goal. When given the option, California consumers overwhelmingly prefer stand-alone vision plans, and today's decision by the Board ensures that Californians will continue to have that choice."

To read Rep. Matsui's letter to the California Health Benefits Exchange Board, click [here](#) .

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